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SUBJECT: PLOVDIV:PROGRESS REPORT

FOR ICS/OM; VIENNA FOR REX, EWTC: VONTILLIUS FROM FIELD
DIRECTOR GAYTON

1. DOME ERECTION COMPLETED AUGUST 6 WITH EXCEPTION OF
INSTALLATION OF SIDE PANELS AND FINAL TENT TIGHTENING.
UNABLE TO TIGHTEN TENT TO MANUFACTURE'S RECOMMENDED
DIMENSION OF 12-INCH CHAIN LENGTH WITHOUT RATCHET
WINCH AS SHOWN IN ERECTION MANUAL. PLEASE PURCHASE TWO
RATCHET WINCHES AND AIR POUCH ASAP.

2. INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR APPEARANCE AND CONDITION OF
REFURBISHED TENT IS EXCELLENT.

3. DOME VENTILATOR IN PLACE WHEN FOLLOWING PROBLEM
ENCOUNTERED: VENTILATOR FAN ASSEMBLY MANUFACTURED BY
DAYTON ELECTRIC, CHICAGO, HAS 11.75 INCH O.D. SHEAVE,
WHICH MOUNTS ON PROPELLER SHAFT. SHEAVE MANUFACTURED BY
BROWNING MANUFACTURING DIVISION, EMERSON ELECTRIC,
MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY. SHEAVE CARRIES PART NUMBER
2BK120H AND SHEAVE CARTON MARKED 3X569. SHEAVE HAS
CENTER BOLT-IN, BUSHING ADAPTER. BUSHING ADAPTER
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MARKED "BROWNING HX 7/8 INCH". BUSHING CARTON MARKED

"3X574, 7/8 INCH BORE". O.D. OF BUSHING OKAY, HOWEVER, I.D. OF FRACTION 7/8 INCH DOES NOT FIT ONE-INCH O.D. OF PROPELLER SHAFT. PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MACHINE ENLARGE I.D. OF BUSHING LOCALLY DUE ADDED COMPLICATION OF KEY SLOT IN BUSHING SMALLER THAN KEY AND KEY SLOT ON PROPELLER SHAFT. BELIEVE DAYTON ELECTRIC WILL UNDERSTAND PROBLEM AND CAN FURNISH CORRECT BUSHING. PLEASE AIR POUCH ASAP.

4. CONTRACTOR HAS NINE MEN ON SITE AND INITIAL LAY OUT OF PLATFORMS COMMENCED AUGUST 6. OFFICE PARTITIONS IN PLACE AND PARTIALLY PAINTED. CEILINGS AND LIGHT FIXTURES IN OFFICES NOW BEING INSTALLED.

5. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EMBASSY STAFF, VONTILLIUS, ALL ASSOCIATED AGENCY PERSONNEL, TECHNICIANS AND DEMONSTRATORS CONFIRMED IN HOTELS REQUESTED WITH SOME COMPROMISED IN TYPES OF OCCUPANCY ON CERTAIN DATES. HIGH NUMBER OF SINGLES REQUESTED IS PRINCIPAL PROBLEM. BALKAN-TOURIST NOW WORKING ON SPACE FOR COMMERCE EXHIBITORS. BALKANTOURIST ADVISES THEY ARE HOLDING DIRECT RESERVATIONS FOR FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL FIRMS: FMC, GENERAL FOODS, PROCTOR SCHWARTZ AND FISHBURNE INT. WE ARE DELETING THESE FROM OUR MASTER RESERVATION LIST. SUGGEST VONTILLIUS ADVISE FIRMS INDICATED AND RECOMMEND THEY AGAIN REVIEW THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS TO NUMBER, TYPE AND DATES. FMC DIRECT RESERVATION WITH BALKANTOURIST MAY NOT AGREE WITH INFORMATION GIVEN EXHIBIT DIRECTOR GAYTON BY FMC VIENNA MANAGER ABBOT.

6. GUIDES TO BE INTERVIEWED AUGUST 11. UNIFORM SIZES TO BE TELEPHONED VONTILLIUS.

7. PRESS PREVIEW SCHEDULED 1700 LOCAL SEPT 1. ALL PERSONNEL AND COMMERCIAL REPS SHOULD BE ON HAND THEN.
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